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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: David K. Kovalic <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No.: 10/767,701	Examiner: Zhou, Shubo
Filed: 29 January, 2004	Atty Docket No.: 38-21(53535)B
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants and Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 2, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 02 December, 2005, in which the Examiner required a restriction of claims and an election of sequence.

This paper is also filed along with a petition for an extension of time for one (1) month and authorization for the USPTO to deduct the appropriate fees from the Applicants' deposit account 13-4125.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.